

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The STANDARDS COMMITTEE reports and recommends as follows: -

1. Appointment of Independent Person(s)

That at its meeting on 12 September 2023, the Committee gave consideration to a report of the Assistant Director of Law and Governance setting out proposals for the recruitment process for the role of Independent Person(s).

Accordingly the Standards Committee recommend Council to: -

- i) approve the recruitment process for the role of Independent Person(s) as outlined in the report, (subject to an amendment to paragraph 2.1 to provide that the shortlisting / interviewing panel will include representation from the three Political Groups on the Council) including the proposed approach to the appointment of Mr Hall, should he formally confirm his wish to be considered for appointment for a further term of office;
- ii) following the conclusion of the recruitment process, appoint up to two Independent Persons for terms of two years' duration, which may be extended by the Council for two further two-year terms (i.e. six years in total) and to award an annual allowance of £1,000 and reasonable travel and subsistence expenses in respect of the role;
- iii) extend the current term of office of Mr Hall until the conclusion of the recruitment process and appointment of Independent Person(s) for the new term(s) of office
- iv) authorise the Monitoring Officer to make all associated arrangements.